

**MINUTES OF THE MADISON RECREATIONAL
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

March 3, 2009

The Madison recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday March 3, 2009 at 5:30 pm at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Recreation Director Mike Cassell.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The roll call of the board was conducted by Recreation Department Personnel Gayle Milam and recorded as follows:

MBA President Anthony Dupree	Absent
Westco President David Mobley	Absent
Madison Dolphins President Cindy Davis	Present
BAM Commissioner Anthony Dupree	Absent
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Shieffield	Present
MAA President Chris Lewis	Absent
Greenways & Trials Allison Wheeler	Present
Board Member Charles Duffy	Present
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board Member Mike Ray	Present
Board Member Philip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Present
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Present
Board of Education Bobby Jackson	Present

Also in attendance was Allison Callahan, Patrick ?? and Taylor Edge, Mayors Office.

AGENDA ITEMS

Elections were conducted for board president and secretary. Mike Ray was elected Board President and Cliff Lanham was elected Board Secretary.

Gayle Milam passed out new Sports Policy and Procedures for the board to review and then to discuss at the next meeting. Mike Ray brought the point of what were the procedures for establishment of new sports programs such as Lacrosse and Volley Ball. It appears that there are no written policies and that this matter would have to be addressed by Mike Cassell staff and reviewed again at the next meeting.

Cindy Davis, Dolphins, stated that swim practice would commence on 18 May and morning practices would start at 7:30am on 26 May.

Lisa Sheffield, AYSO, explained her organizations plan to erect the fences around the new soccer fields at Dublin commencing the next two weeks. Practice would also begin on 23 March with the first games on 28 March. She was also concerned that there needs to be porta potties located on all the field s at Dublin by the start of the season.

She recommended that one of the goals for 2009 should be the construction of bathrooms on the fields at Dublin. AYSO has about \$34,000 set aside to assist in the financing of bathrooms at Dublin.

Allison Wheeler, Greenway, brought up the need for finalization of plans and construction of the trails around the new soccer fields and as cut through to the residential area east of the upper field.

Bobby Jackson, Board of Education, recommended that perhaps a more definitive agreement of facilities usage between Board of Education and Recreation department be established for the use of facilities and athletic fields used by the school system and the Recreation department. This understanding and agreement document would incorporate all facilities and fields used by both parties and establish priorities concerning the use of these facilities by outside cities and organizations. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Cassell and or their staff would get together to work out this written document.

Mr. Jackson reiterated that the individual school principals were in charge of their respective school plants and that coordination of the use of their plants must be coordinated with the respective principal.

Cliff Lanham, board member, agreed to gather data concerning previous work done toward development of plans to construct bathrooms and concession areas at the Dublin site.

Mike Cassell, Director, stated that a new 9 hole Disc golf course had been constructed and was now ready for play. Disc can be checked out at the front office at Dublin.

Judy Meiers, Sr. Center stated that County Commissioner Dyer would be purchasing a small bus for use at the Madison Senior Center.

Taylor Edge, Mayors Office, advised the board that the revenue projected for the city for 2009 was seriously down due to the recession and not to expect the city to be able to support any new needs for 2009.

Mike Cassell made the next meeting for the board to be 7 April 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.